GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OPEN JAIL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of open jails in the country and number of prisoners serving their convictions therein, State-wise;

(b) whether the system of open jails is not only cheaper but also of definite rehabilitative value; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to establish more number of open jails?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): A Statement showing state-wise details is enclosed.

(b): Open jails are intended to put into practice the ideology of reformation, correction and rehabilitation of convicted prisoners so that they may lead a self-disciplined and cultured life after release.

(c): `Prisons` is a State subject. Therefore, it is for the State Governments to take initiative and establish open jails as per their assessed needs. However, the Government of India is providing financial assistance to the State Governments under the scheme for Modernization of Prisons under which construction of new jails can be taken up including open jails, if required.